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Subject: 3.03 Non-agenda comments

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Hello Melanie & Port of Stockton commissioners,

I am again writing to ask the Port of Stockton commissioners to agendize Golden State Natural Resources' wood pellet project and invite scientists to share their findings with the Port of Stockton commissioners. Secondly, we request a joint meeting with the Port staff and local partners to discuss comments the Port of Stockton submitted on the project.

Significant developments in the wood pellet industry have transpired that continue to make it clear this industry is not a financially-sound investment:

- South Korea, the third largest importer of wood pellets, has revised their policies and **will not support** any new biomass power plants. Subsidies for state-owned existing plants will end this year (2025), renewable energy certificates will be phased out by 2027, and subsidies for privately owned plants will be phased out over the decade.
- Japan, the second largest importer of wood pellets, has also expressed its intention to discontinue the support of new biomass power plants.

Given these developments, the Port of Stockton Commissioners must seriously consider if any investment in a wood pellet export and storage terminal is worth the financial and public safety risks.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Rita Vaughan Frost

<https://apnews.com/article/biomass-energy-south-korea-deforestation-40bd1ca250562f5dcaa2231cdc628a9f>
<https://japanenergyhub.com/news/large-biomass-fit-fip-discontinuation/>

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Greetings Port Commissioners and Staff,

Beginning in 2023, GSNR wood export comments that were submitted regarding the GSNR wood export project, a project of the Rural Counties Representative of California, have been transmitted to Port of Stockton Commissioners and Staff. Last year was a record-breaking hot year with 49 days over 100 degrees creating heat distress for many of our Stockton residents. Whenever trees are cut down in our urban environment, shade is lost and heat island effects increase. When cutting down trees in the forest those environments also suffer from loss of shade affecting the microclimate surrounding remaining trees. Trees and soil are natural sequesters of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas. Reduction in the use of fossil fuels is intended to reduce greenhouse gases which trap infrared heat from existing our atmosphere.

The Port of Stockton comments and those of community partners on the GSNR project need to be discussed amongst the Commissioners and community members need an opportunity to explain their concerns. The Port Commissioners will ultimately decide if Stockton is to increase greenhouse gases or contribute to the solution by reducing greenhouse gases. Please consider having an agenda item/workshop for the GSNR project so that some of these issues can be addressed, including fire protection. The Port has a police department but relies on the City of Stockton for fire service.

The Port is receiving a refund for sewer fees from the City of Stockton. The condition of monitoring and infrastructure should be addressed as the Port considers the development of a strategic plan, in an open and transparent manner.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth, M.S., R.E.H.S.